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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifteenth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 20 May to 6 June 1997. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Tuesday, 20 May at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifteenth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fifteenth session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 27 to 31 January 1997.

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Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee.

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7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.

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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

2. In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the Sixth Meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 18 February 1997 will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

Item 3. Election of the officers of the Committee

3. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Committee shall elect its officers for a term of two years. In this connection, the Committee may wish to elect its Chairperson and its other officers.

Item 4. Organizational and other matters

4. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 5. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

Reports received

5. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifteenth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial reports:

State party	Due in	Symbol
Armenia	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.9
Australia	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.31
Austria	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.14
Barbados	1992	CRC/C/3/45
Belize	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.46
Benin	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.51
Chad	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.49
Czech Republic	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.11
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.41
Ecuador	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.44
Fiji	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.7
Guinea	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.48
Hungary	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.34
Iraq	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.3
Ireland	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.12
Japan	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.1
Kuwait	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.35
Lao People's Democratic Republic	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.32
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.6
Luxembourg	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.2
Maldives	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.33
Micronesia	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.5
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.49
Sierra Leone	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.43
Thailand	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.13
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.36
Togo	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.42
Trinidad and Tobago	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.10
Uganda	1992	CRC/C/3/Add.40
Vanuatu	1995	CRC/C/28/Add.8

Reports due

6. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 1 March 1997 but have not yet been received are listed below.

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Bhutan	1 September 1992	3
Kenya	1 September 1992	3
Gambia	6 September 1992	3
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992	3
Seychelles	6 October 1992	3
Venezuela	12 October 1992	3
Mali	19 October 1992	3
Brazil	23 October 1992	3
Zaire	26 October 1992	3
Malta	29 October 1992	3
Burundi	17 November 1992	3
Grenada	4 December 1992	3
Angola	3 January 1993	2
Djibouti	4 January 1993	2
Malawi	31 January 1993	2
Guyana	12 February 1993	2
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1993	2
Bahamas	21 March 1993	2
Dominica	11 April 1993	2
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1993	2
Mauritania	14 June 1993	2
Dominican Republic	10 July 1993	2
Israel	1 November 1993	2
Estonia	19 November 1993	2
San Marino	24 December 1993	2
Zambia	4 January 1994	1
Lithuania	28 February 1994	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1994	1
Bahrain	14 March 1994	1
Albania	27 March 1994	1
Lesotho	8 April 1994	1
Latvia	13 May 1994	1
Central African Republic	23 May 1994	1
Cape Verde	3 July 1994	1
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1994	1
Cambodia	13 November 1994	1
Slovakia	31 December 1994	1
India	10 January 1995	
Cameroon	9 February 1995	
Republic of Moldova	24 February 1995	
Papua New Guinea	31 March 1995	

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Suriname	31 March 1995	
Greece	9 June 1995	
Liberia	3 July 1995	
Saint Lucia	15 July 1995	
Monaco	20 July 1995	
Comoros	21 July 1995	
Turkmenistan	19 October 1995	
Marshall Islands	2 November 1995	
Antigua and Barbuda	3 November 1995	
Congo	12 November 1995	
Tajikistan	24 November 1995	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24 November 1995	
Gabon	10 March 1996	
Afghanistan	26 April 1996	
Mozambique	25 May 1996	
Georgia	1 July 1996	
Uzbekistan	28 July 1996	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11 August 1996	
Nauru	25 August 1996	
Eritrea	1 September 1996	
Kazakstan	10 September 1996	
Kyrgyzstan	5 November 1996	
Samoa	28 December 1996	

7. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51) and 1998 (CRC/C/61). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose first periodic reports are due in 1997 (CRC/C/65).

8. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/64), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.8).

Item 6. Consideration of reports of States parties

9. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fifteenth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Wednesday, 21 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Cuba	(CRC/C/8/Add.30)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 22 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Ghana	(CRC/C/3/Add.39)
Friday, 23 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Monday, 26 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Bangladesh	(CRC/C/3/Add.38 and Add.49)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 27 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 28 May	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Paraguay	(CRC/C/3/Add.22 and Add.47)
Thursday, 29 May	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Algeria	(CRC/C/28/Add.4)
Friday, 30 May	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Monday, 2 June	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Azerbaijan	(CRC/C/11/Add.8)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 3 June	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"

10. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

11. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the fourteenth session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

12. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 8. Methods of work of the Committee

13. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

14. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/40/Rev.6).

Item 9. Future meetings of the Committee

15. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 10. Other matters

16. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.